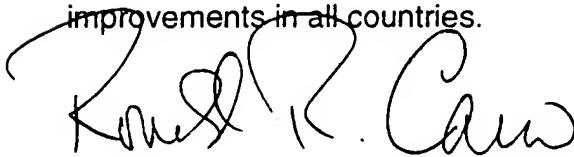


ASSIGNMENT

In accordance with obligations entered into pursuant to an Employee Innovation and Proprietary Information Agreement or other agreement and/or for other good and valuable consideration of which I acknowledge receipt, I, Ronald Ralph Cairo, of 246 Woods Road, Greer, South Carolina 29650; hereby sell and assign to General Electric Company, a New York Corporation, having an address at 1 River Road, Schenectady, New York 12345, USA, (hereinafter referred to as "Company"), its successors and assigns my entire respective right(s), title(s) and interest(s) in and to the invention and improvements invented and originated by me and described in the application for United States Patent currently entitled AXIAL RETENTION FEATURE FOR RESTRAINING COMPOSITE REINFORCING RINGS and 135635

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and any and all applications for patent and patents therefrom in any and all countries, including all divisions, continuations, reexaminations and reissues thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said inventions and improvements resulting therefrom to said Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, I will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to me respecting said inventions and improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention and its improvements in all countries.



Ronald Ralph Cairo



Date

Witnessed by:

Name: _____ Date: _____
Signature of witness
Printed name of witness

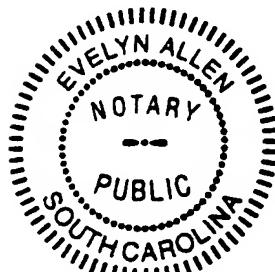
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Signature of witness

Printed name of witness

STATE OF South Carolina

ss):

COUNTY OF Greenville)

This 1st day of December, 2003, before me personally came the above-named, Ronald Ralph Cairo, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.



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